

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 16, 17, and 20-23 have been canceled and claim 29 has been amended. Claim 29 remains in the case.

1. That this is believed to be the second office action is noted. To the applicant, it appears to be fourth office action. On 5/28/04 a rejection was mailed and later responded to by applicant. On 11/19/04 a notice of non-compliant amendment was mailed and later responded to by applicant. On 3/18/05 an election requirement was mailed and later responded to by applicant. The current office action was mailed on 6/21/05 and is presently being responded to.

2. The restriction requirement is noted.

3. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 USC 112 for the recitation, "slotted means". This has been amended to recite, "a slot" which positively defines the element. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to be overcome and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

4. Claims 16-17 and 20-23 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a). These claims have been canceled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

5. Claim 29 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112. This has been accomplished and is now believed to be in condition of allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and a notice of allowance, at the earliest possible opportunity, is respectfully requested.

6. The conclusion is noted as well as the contact information. Thank you.

The undersigned does not know why only one month (instead of three) was given to respond to this particular office action as any proper response would, of necessity, include substantive claim amendments and other relevant considerations for which a greater time period is typically provided for by statute. If possible, please explain.

Respectfully submitted,



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